

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A data recording apparatus comprising

memory card connection means adapted to receive a memory card and to function as an interface for said memory card,

content data input means for inputting content data, with respective parts of said content data being received by communication with corresponding ones of a plurality of opposite parties,

a database having ~~personal~~ a plurality of sets of identifier information corresponding to respective ones of said opposite parties stored therein beforehand, for use in ~~distinguishing~~ respective identifying said opposite parties and thereby enabling said parts of said content data ~~which are inputted via said content data input means to be correlated~~ with said corresponding opposite parties,

data relating means for associating said ~~parts of said~~ content data with said ~~personal information~~ sets of identifier information, to derive associated content data, and

content data storing means for storing said associated content data and ~~personal identifier~~ information in said memory card, while said memory card is connected to said memory card connection means.

19. (Currently amended) A data recording apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 18, wherein content input means inputs said content data using wireless communication.

20. (Currently amended) A data recording apparatus according to claim ~~[[2]]~~ 18, comprising wireless transmitting means for transmitting content data associated with personal information.

21. (Currently amended) A data recording apparatus according to claim 18, wherein each of said sets of identifier information ~~personal~~ information comprises information in at least one of a plurality of information categories including names of individuals, symbols for identifying individuals, street addresses, telephone numbers, and E-mail addresses.

22. (Currently amended) A data recording method according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 18, wherein said content data storing means associated user identifier information, which identifies a user of said data recording apparatus, with content data attributes that are indicative of contents of said content data, and records resultant associated data together with said associated content data and personal information on said memory card.

23. (Currently amended) A data recording method according to claim 18, wherein said content data storing means associates user identifier information, which identifies a user of said data recording apparatus, with content data attributes that are indicative of contents of said content data, and records resultant associated data together with said associated content data and ~~personal~~ opposite party identifier information on said memory card.

24. (Currently amended) A data recording apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said content data storage means stores said content data that are associated with ~~personal~~ opposite party identifier information on a memory card, classified according to respective sets of ~~personal~~ opposite party identifier information.

25. (Currently amended) A data recording apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said content data storing means stores said content data associated with ~~personal~~ opposite party identifier

information on a memory card, classified in accordance with respective marker symbols which are added by a user of said data recording apparatus.

26. (Currently amended) A data recording method comprising:

a content input step of inputting content data ;

a data relating step of associating, with said inputted content data, ~~personal~~ opposite party identifier information for use in distinguishing respective parts of said content data, and

a content data storing step of storing said associated content data and ~~personal~~ information in a memory card that is connected to memory card connection means.

27. (Currently amended) A data recording method according to claim ~~[[10]] 26~~, wherein said content input step comprises inputting of content data by using wireless communication.

28. (Currently amended) A data recording method according to claim ~~[[11]] 27~~, comprising a wireless transmitting step of transmitting content data associated with ~~personal~~ opposite party identifier information.

29. (Currently amended) A data recording method according to claim ~~[[10]] 26~~, wherein said content input step comprises utilizing a camera for inputting said content data.

30. (Currently amended) A data recording method according to claim 26, wherein said ~~personal~~ opposite party identifier information comprises information in at least one of a plurality of information categories including names of individuals, symbols for identifying individuals, street addresses, telephone numbers, and E-mail addresses.

31. (Currently amended) A data recording method according to claim ~~[[10]] 26~~, comprising an encoding step of encoding said content data.

32. (Currently amended) A data recording method according to claim [[10]] 26, comprising a data formatting step of associating user identifier information, which identifies a user of said data recording apparatus method, with content data attributes that are indicative of contents of said content data, and recording resultant associated data together with said associated content data and ~~personal~~ opposite party identifier information.

33. (Currently amended) A data recording method according to claim [[10]] 26, wherein said content data storing step comprises classifying said content data that are associated with ~~personal~~ opposite party identifier information, according to respective sets of ~~personal~~ opposite party identifier information.

34. (Currently amended) A data recording method according to claim [[10]] 26, wherein said content data storing step comprises classifying said content data associated with ~~personal~~ opposite party identifier information, in accordance with respective marker symbols which are added by a user of said data recording method, and storing resultant classified data on a memory card.